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CONTROL ACTIVITIES

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1. IN CONFORMITY WITH INSTRUCTION IN REFTEL, I HAVE
REVIEWED ACTIVITIES OF THIS MISSION IN SUPPORT OF DRUG
PROGRAM AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS.

2. GOS HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKING AND ITS INCIDENCE AMONG SPANISH POPULATION.
THERE IS INCREASING USE OF MARIJUANA AND HASHISH AS WELL
AS COCAINE AMONG SPANIARDS IN RECENT MONTHS, BUT IT HAS
NOT YET REACHED ALARMING LEVELS. GOS ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITIES HAVE SEIZED STEADILY INCREASING QUANTITIES OF
THESE DRUGS AND AUGMENTED OFFICIAL NARCOTICS PROGRAM.
GOS HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTOR TO UN NARCOTICS FUND (\$10,000
IN 1973) AND ON BILATERAL LEVEL HAS GIVEN INCREASING
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COOPERATION TO U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, IN

PARTICULAR DEA OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO MADRID AND BARCELONA. HIGH-LEVEL CONCERN FOR INCREASING NARCOTICS PROBLEM WAS ILLUSTRATED BY SETTING UP OF INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR STUDY OF ALCOHOLISM AND TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS IN JUNE 1974. THIS COMMITTEE HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1974 AND U.S. EMBASSY DRUG COORDINATOR AND DEA ARE IN CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AND ITS CHAIRMAN.

3. U.S. OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS: (A) TO ASSIST SPAIN IN DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM, (B) PROMOTE SPANISH COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT ELICIT TRAFFICKING, AND (C) DECREASE INCIDENCE OF INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICANS IN NARCOTICS USE AND TRAFFIC IN SPAIN. ON PRACTICAL PLAIN, PROBLEM HAS BEEN DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS BETWEEN SPAIN'S TWO PRINCIPAL POLICE BODIES: THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SECURITY (DGS) AND THE CIVIL GUARD. BOTH COME UNDER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

AND BOTH HAVE SEPARATE NARCOTICS DIVISIONS. BOTH HAVE SENT OFFICERS AND MEN TO U.S. FOR TRAINING AND PARTICIPATED IN COURSES ADMINISTERED BY DEA AND U.S. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS IN MADRID AND BARCELONA. THESE COURSES HAVE HAD MANY POSITIVE RESULTS: GREATER AWARENESS OF DRUG PROBLEM MONG POLICE OFFICIALS, IMPROVEMENT OF PRACTICAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN U.S. AND SPANISH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND IMPROVED INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SPAIN'S DRUG ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES. ALTHOUGH GOS HAS COMMITTED INCREASING NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, MAIN PROBLEM REMAINS DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN TWO PRINCIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NEW INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WILL BRING ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF EFFECTIVE UNIFIED DRUG ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BETTER COORDINATION WITHIN SPAIN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND A SINGLE POINT FOR CONTACT BY U.S. COLLEAGUES (DEA).

4. ONE OF EMBASSY'S PRINCIPAL AIMS IN PAST FEW MONTHS HAS BEEN TO MAINTAIN GENERALLY FAVORABLE MOMENTUM OF IMPROVING COLLABORATION BETWEEN DEA AND SPAIN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT

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AGENCIES. EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED EARLIER SOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS A MEANS OF PRODDING GOS INTO BETTER COLLABORATION (MADRID 5669). IN LIGHT OF STATEMENTS IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL, EMBASSY IS STILL UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE COULD NOT BE PROVIDED, PARTICULARLY AS EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT (MADRID 5908). MORE RECENTLY CIVIL GUARD, WHICH HAS TURNED OUT TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE COLLABORATOR

OF DEA, HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED U.S. INFO AND ASSISTANCE IN
SETTING UP A NARCOTIC DOG UNIT IN SPAIN (MADRID 7011). IT
IS HOPED THAT U.S. AGENCIES, AS INDICATED IN PARA 5 OF
REFTEL, CAN COME UP WITH AN IMAGINATIVE AND EFFECTIVE
PROPOSAL TO MEET CIVIL GUARD REQUEST. AGAINST BACKDROP
OF INCREASING USE OF SOUTHERN PORTS OF ENTRY FOR HASHISH
FROM MOROCCO, GOS BELIEVES THAT USE OF NARCOTICS DOG UNIT
WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN INTERDICTING THIS TRAFFIC.
THESE ARE TOW MOST IMPORTANT EMBASSY REQUESTS WHICH IT
HOPES WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN ACT UPON IN ORDER TO ASSIST
EMBASSY IN MAINTAINING CURRENT PACE OF IMPROVED COLLA-
BORATION BETWEEN DEA AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
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